



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

THE POINT Community Development Corporation, Bronx, NY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

THE POINT Community Development Corporation was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The cleanup site is in Hunts Point, a peninsula on the edge of the Bronx River where most of the 11,000 residents are Hispanic. The target site is located within a federal Empowerment Zone. Approximately 37 percent of families in this area live below the poverty level. In one census tract in the area, more than 80 percent of children under five live in poverty. The median household income of Hunts Point families is \$16,339. The incidence rate of childhood asthma is



Cleanup Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected THE POINT Community Development Corporation to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct cleanup activities at a former fur-dressing property on Lafayette Avenue in the Bronx, which is contaminated with solvents used in the fur processing industry and with fuel oil from a leaking underground storage tank. Grant funds will also be used for community outreach activities. The site will become the Boathouse at Hunts Point, a recreational and cultural facility.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

twice the national average. THE POINT will redevelop the property as the Boathouse at Hunts Point, which will provide recreational and cultural opportunities for residents, improve the health of residents, and stimulate economic development while responding to community needs.